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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In our never-ending search for more information on Hibiscus, many of us do a lot of experimenting, and a few do real research.

The difference being, in this case especially, that those doing the research, write down what they have done in experiments, and then keep a written record of the results, so that those worthy of remembering, can be passed on to other growers.

Right now we need desperately to have written reports of successful programs of pruning, fertilizing spraying, hybridizing, grafting and rooting.

At this point, I shall illustrate: Returning from the Grand Bahama Convention last June, a group of our best informed growers held an informal discussion during the boat trip back to the mainland, and one point was especially stressed: If you want good blooming plants, the graft wood or cuttings for rooting should ALWAYS be taken from a branch that has produced bloom on the mother plant.

In selecting wood for grafting or cuttings, some growers tag the branches they plan to use, as they bloom, thereby assuring good selections.

If we had today the knowledge of Hibiscus that has died with our early experimenters, a book covering all phases of Hibiscus knowledge could be in the hands of each member, so please, let us, as we experiment, keep a written record of all successful programs, and turn over to our Executive Secretary a WRITTEN report of these successes, so others may profit as these gems of knowledge are published in the Seed Pod.

Wishing each of you a continuance of good Hibiscus

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ANNUAL MEETING - June 17th - 19th.